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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Water Transportation, PLANNING MANUAL, VOL. III.

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1. The subject manual has been reviewed primarily from the standpoint of the area of responsibility of this Branch. Aspects of the manual dealing solely or largely with construction of water transport facilities (docks, warehouses, etc.) and vessels (ships, tugs, barge, lighters) are the primary responsibility of other offices of CIA.

2. The manual is a useful study of ways and means of sabotaging merchant shipping. However, the basic value of the manual is greatly impaired by its wordiness. It should confine itself to how sabotaging of merchant shipping may be done, avoiding detailed explanation of elementary and unrelated topics. For example, starting at the bottom of page 2 the items enumerated through the middle of page 7 are easily apparent to the casual observer, while the observations made in the remainder of the section (through page 9) add little to the actual topic.

3. The section on ship construction and methods of sabotaging construction and operations (pp. 10-26) is generally good information. Some serious doubts are raised, however, as to some statements in the section.

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